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DIVISION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT

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RE: SCP Carlstadt Site

Dear Ms. Feldstein:

During recent conversations with Robert Soboleski, and Bill Buchanan the following information was relayed to me regarding previous activities and practices conducted at the SCP Carlstadt Site. I would like to relay this information to the USEPA in order that these items be considered and/or addressed during the proposed RI/FS for the site.

- 1. During the 1970's, there was a fire at the site, and because there may have been incomplete combustion of the PCB oils and other materials, dioxins may have been generated. Therefore, the sampling plans should include a limited number of samples for dioxins, primarily in soils on site where the fire occurred.
- 2. Previously, SCP dumped oils and other liquid chemical waste at the Meadowlands Racetrack during its construction. SCP was directly identified as responsible for these actions involving criminal and civil actions against SCP. The records should be reviewed to determine whether sufficient remedial measures have been implemented at the Racetrack, or whether additional work should be included in this RI/FS.
- 3. An evaluation of the local sewer systems should be included in the RI/FS since it is well documented that SCP was permitted to discharge industrial waste to the system. Primarily, samples should be obtained from sewer sumps or catch basins where sludges and contaminants may have accummulated.
- 4. Recent information indicates that tanks may have been buried on site (and at the Newark Site). The RI/FS should include geophysical investigations to determine the potential locations of these tanks, followed by a soil boring program in the areas where high readings are detected.
- 5. In regard to the surface water and sediment program, it is important to determine whether any surrounding facilities are permitted to discharge industrial waste streams to Peach Island Creek. This information should be reviewed during the assessment of any contamination noted in the stream.

6. Finally, the NJDEP is currently working on three(3) Superfund sites located in this area, and there is a detailed study underway regarding the mercury contamination detected in Berry's Creek. Mercury should be included in all sediment samples obtained from Peach Island Creek as this stream is a tributary to Berry's Creek, and both systems are tidal.

Please review these additional comments and incorporate them into any further recommendations you may be providing to the responsible parties for the SCP Carlstadt site. If you have any questions please contact my office at 609-984-3074. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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